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## Alderman Zielinski takes action to save police and fire positions

**Alderman Tony Zielinski** is taking action to save police and firefighter positions after Mayor Tom Barrett's announced 2018 proposed City Budget would lead to steep cuts to emergency response positions and closures of Milwaukee fire houses.

Alderman Zielinski drafted a resolution that would allow residents and corporations to donate to Milwaukee's Police and Fire Departments. His hope is to keep officers and firefighters from losing their positions, saying that public safety and quick response times have to be a priority.

Alderman Zielinski says, "Recently a resident testified in a budget meeting about how the paramedics saved her life. In her case and so many others, every second counted. In my view this is exactly why we need to keep every cop and every firefighter in place."

The resolution was drafted and referred at the Common Council meeting. It will then appear before the next Finance & Personnel committee. If the resolution passes the Council, residents and corporations could donate to the fund to support Milwaukee firefighters and police.